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Genesis Outreach Receives \$690,000 for Local Supportive Housing Project

INDIANAPOLIS- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman recently announced the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has received \$5.6 million for supportive housing projects for the homeless throughout Indiana. The allocation comes from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) 2009 Continuum of Care funds.

Of the \$5.6 Million allocation, locally, Genesis Outreach, Inc. received \$691,721 for their Promising Partnerships supportive housing program. In addition to these funds, Genesis also received more than \$1.7 Million in capital from the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), totaling \$2,474,283.

"Our local community partners will be able to utilize these funds as they provide assistance for our most vulnerable neighbors," said Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, who chairs the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority. "This award is another collaborative step towards our long term goal to end homeless in the state Indiana."

The funds awarded to Genesis Outreach, Inc will go directly toward operating expenses and providing services to clients in need. In addition, The Promising Partnerships program has begun developing 40 units of single family housing that specializes in giving their clients true housing options by adding diversity to the types and locations of housing available.

"A little over five years ago, we developed a ten year plan to end homelessness in our community and we took that plan seriously," said Linda Golden, Executive Director of Genesis Outreach, Inc. "We are looking beyond short-term shelter and transitional housing to find solutions to long-term stabilization of individuals and families."

In all, IHCDA was allocated funds for the capital investment and operating needs of six Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) developments located throughout Indiana. The projects will link housing with services so over 200 people will have a place to call home.

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The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA), chaired by Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, creates housing opportunity, generates and preserves assets, and revitalizes neighborhoods by investing financial and technical resources in the development efforts of qualified partners throughout Indiana. IHCDA believes that growing Indiana's economy starts at home. For more information, go to www.ihcda.in.gov. For updates from Lt. Governor Skillman and the agencies she oversees, please sign up at www.lg.in.gov.